

with the Senate some of the accomplishments and achievements of one of my constituents, Mary “Mickey” Thoman. Mickey will soon—and most deservedly—be inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. It will be another honor for her, a recognition that is fully and richly deserved.

Mickey is well known for her knowledge, experience, and dedication to the agriculture industry of Wyoming, a sector of our economy that is so important it is listed on our State seal. No one knows how much we depend on our farmers and ranchers more than Mickey, and that is why she has been such a strong and effective force in the agriculture community of Wyoming for so many years.

The record shows that Mickey has been tending to her family’s ranching business and keeping everything running as it should for quite some time. In fact, her ranch can now boast of its status as a fifth-generation family ranch. I have no doubt she draws her strength and her energy from the work she does and her heartfelt connection to her ranch and her family. At the wise, experienced, and youthful age of 84, Mickey continues to prove the wisdom of the old adage that the best way to lead is by example.

Mickey’s is a truly remarkable story. It begins with her marriage to her late husband Bill and their decision to begin ranching together in the Green River Valley after they were married in 1948. It is now more than six decades later. Through the years Mickey has seen some tough times and faced some difficult challenges, but she has always been able to handle each obstacle that tried to block her way because of her great love of her life as a rancher.

Mickey is well known throughout the ranching community because of her ties to the industry and to those who farm and ranch for a living. That is why, in an effort to help the next generation of farmers and ranchers, she served as a 4-H leader for many years and helped to found the Green River Valley CattleWomen and Sweetwater County Cowbells. Today, her ranch raises Hereford cattle, Rambouillet sheep, and thoroughbred quarter horses.

Over the years Mickey has passed on her love of ranching and her commitment to the Wyoming values that made her such a success to her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. As they continue to put the lessons Mickey has taught them into practice they will always remember that Mickey was the one who taught them how to do so many things on the ranch.

When Mickey is inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame she will be in good company. She will be among those who pursued their commitment to serving their community by working to support the growth and strength of our agriculture industry and our state economy. Mickey will fit right in because she has been an out-

standing leader in that regard, serving with agriculture organizations and groups on both the State and the national level. They were fortunate she was willing to serve and to bring her knowledge of the industry to their work so that she might help them to make a difference. Over the years the contribution she made of her time and her talents helped to advance the interests of the agriculture community as she served with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, the Guardians of the Grasslands, the Wyoming Farm Bureau, the American Quarter Horse Association, the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, the American Sheep Industry Association, Wyoming CattleWomen, and the Wyoming Woolgrowers Association. Clearly, Mickey has never been one to sit idle when there was work to be done.

Mickey’s upcoming induction into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame won’t be the first time she has been honored for her commitment to ranching, farming, and our Wyoming way of life. She has also been recognized with the Green River Valley Ranch Woman of the Year award in 2012, the Farm Family Today Award from the Sweetwater County Fair in 2013, a Partnership Appreciation Award from the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative in 2012, and, with her husband Bill, the Sweetwater County Ranch of Couple of the Year Award in 1988 and the Upper Green River Valley Cattlemen’s Lifetime Honorary Member Award in 1997.

Mickey Thoman has shown she has what it takes to not only survive but to thrive in what can be a truly demanding business. Through it all, she has been a role model for others to learn from and an example not only of the best of Wyoming’s traditions and values but proof of their power and strength. In a short while, I will be proud to join with Senator BARRASSO as Mickey Thoman is officially inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. It is another honor she has truly earned with her hard work, her leadership, her friendship with so many members of Wyoming’s agricultural community, and her active interest and involvement in every aspect of the industry she has been a part of since she and her husband first began to work their ranch more than 60 years ago.

RECOGNIZING FRANK MOORE

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, at the 102nd Wyoming State Fair, I, along with Senator ENZI, will have the honor of introducing Frank Moore as he is inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame for 2014. Frank has spent his lifetime working for positive changes in agriculture, and he has undoubtedly earned this honor through his impact both in Wyoming and nationwide.

Frank Moore’s ancestors came to the Wyoming Territory in 1876 and started

a ranching legacy. A century later in 1978, Frank and his wife Elaine began raising their own cattle and sheep at the Spearhead Ranch north of Douglas, WY. They also started a successful outfitting business which further diversified their ranching operation.

Frank has been iconic in his efforts to promote and build the sheep industry. He is currently serving as chairman of the Mountain States Lamb Cooperative, an organization he helped establish in 2001. The founders of the Mountain States Lamb Cooperative knew that strategic vertical integration of the sheep industry was the only way to save it, and they led the charge in making it happen. Brad Boner, another founder of the Mountain States Lamb Cooperative and Wyoming rancher, observed: “Without Frank’s outstanding leadership and strong passion for Wyoming’s sheep industry, I am not sure we would have been successful in our efforts to form the Mountain States Lamb Cooperative.”

For almost three decades Frank has dedicated a great deal of time and energy by volunteering and serving on boards and committees at both the State and national levels. In addition to serving on the Mountain States Lamb Cooperative board since its inception, Frank has been the president of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association, served on the board of directors of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Board, and he served in the Wyoming House of Representatives from 1993 to 1996. He personally worked to establish the Scrapie Eradication Program, National Wool Act, Guard Dog Program, and many other initiatives that have influenced the sheep industry nationally.

Peter Orwick of the American Sheep Industry has said the industry is in a better place because of Frank’s leadership and willingness to make hard decisions. The undying passion and determination of citizens like Frank and his wife Elaine keep the agriculture industry in both Wyoming and America thriving.

My wife Bobbi joins me in extending our congratulations to Frank and thanking him for his dedication to the Wyoming way of life. I will be honored to share this special day with Frank and his family as he is inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

MUDDYING THE WATERS

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a column written by Mr. Dennis Sun, Publisher of the Wyoming Livestock Roundup, entitled “Muddying the Waters.” The article was published on June 21 of this year.

Through this recently proposed Clean Water Act jurisdictional rule, Federal agencies are attempting to expand the definition of “waters of the United States” to include ditches and other dry areas where water flows only for a